

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

BISHOP D. S. TUTTLE laid the corner-stone of the splendid new structure of St. Luke's Hospital, at Delmar and Belt Avenues, St. Louis, Mo., December 1, 1902. The ceremony took place at three o'clock in the afternoon, and was largely attended by both clergy and laymen. Rev. Edmund Duckworth, chaplain of the hospital, delivered the invocation and the choir of Christ Church Cathedral sang a hymn, after which the historical statement was presented by the president of the Board of Managers, Mr. W. H. Thompson, which was followed by the bishop's address. The corner-stone was then laid, and the exercises closed with a hymn and the benediction.

THE Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy contemplate building a new hospital at Bridgeport, Conn. The land has been purchased, and they will begin to build as soon as the weather permits.

ON January 1 there was opened at the Massachusetts General Hospital a children's ward containing eighteen beds.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL TRAINING-SCHOOL held graduating exercises on the evening of January 13 in the dining-room of the Nurses' Home, which was cleared for the occasion. The report for 1902 showed that many important changes had recently been made.

Under the provisions of the revised charter, which went into effect on February 1, 1902, the four large public hospitals in the city—Bellevue, Gouverneur, Fordham, and Harlem—were separated from the Department of Public Charities and became a separate department, known as the Department of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, governed by a board of seven trustees appointed by the Mayor.

In noting these changes the report said:

"The great reorganization of methods in Bellevue, due to the intelligent and conscientious efforts of this Board of Trustees and its president, Dr. John Brannan, has produced much needed reform. The superintendency of the nursing of the entire hospital and the training of all nurses, male and female, have been placed in the hands of the superintendent of our school. She has become by virtue of this change superintendent of the Mills School for Male Nurses also, and will hereafter bear the same relation to its board that she does to ours, except that her appointment and removal are made by our board, subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Mills School and of the Board of Trustees.

"In February, before these radical changes were made, Miss Agnes S. Brennan sent in her resignation to the Board of Managers. For twenty years Miss Brennan had been connected with the school and for the last fourteen years had been its superintendent. The standing of the school and the efficiency of the nurses graduated under her care are a monument to her and a source of the greatest pride to the managers, who feel under a deep sense of obligation and gratitude for her long years of disinterested service.

"It was decided to call to the superintendency Miss Jane A. Delano, graduated in 1886, who for six years was superintendent of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital Training-School in Philadelphia and assistant superintendent of the hospital. She assumed charge on May 1.

"The Nurses' Home had been occupied rent free for many years, and in February last became the property of the school under the will of the late Mrs. William H. Osborn. The dining-room, kitchen, pantry, and bedroom facilities being entirely inadequate for the larger number of nurses now required, its ground floor was altered and connections made with the adjoining building, No. 420, which has been procured at a low rental and has been altered and furnished. The expense of these changes has been borne by a friend of the school. The dining-room, pantry, and kitchen facilities are now ample, but in spite of the twenty-two new bedrooms in the rented building and the adequate parlor office, we are obliged to rent the top floor of the Coffee House, No. 416, to afford bedrooms for our probationers, and the class- and lecture-rooms are still inadequate."

The great facilities for a thorough training at the school were detailed, and a public appeal for contributions was made.

Dr. Stephen Smith, in speaking of the changes that he could recall in Bellevue, said: "Within fifty years I can remember the three greatest reforms in the history of medicine. When I entered the hospital in 1851 anæsthesia was just being talked about." He told of the difficulties of operating before that discovery and compared the present methods. The greatest change, however, was that from the regime of "nurses from the island—ten-days' drunk cases—to the present trained nurse, quiet, careful, educated."

Mrs. Griffin, the president and a member of the original Board of Managers, distributed the diplomas to the class, which included Miss Lulu Jones, Miss Mabel Wells, Miss Anna Harkness, Miss Frances Detwiler, Miss Cora Snell, Miss Emily Niernsee, Miss Mary Bowen, Miss Anna Craven, Miss Elizabeth Downey, Miss Alice Macomber, Mrs. Fannie Hackett, Miss Edna Rogers, Miss Estelle Crowell, Miss Frances McCulloch, Miss Mary McCarty, Mrs. Nellie Hendrick, Miss Florence Opdyke, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Carrie Heckel, Miss Florence Derthick, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowyer, Mrs. Sarah Ferris, Miss Dorothy Hanneman, Miss Edna Smith, Miss Mary Holmes, Miss Bessie Clemens, Miss Helen Jewell, Miss Emma Thomson, Miss Clara Goodenough.

The nurses held an informal reception after the exercises, when the home was thrown open for inspection.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Boston City Hospital Training-School for Nurses was celebrated on the evening of January 6 by the Nurses' Club in the reception hall of Vose House. There were present a large number of graduates of the Training-School and many resident nurses.

Three significant things were brought out by the addresses of the evening—that the training-school has placed the nurse in an enviable position as a trained worker, that the spirit of noblesse oblige, which measures the obligations of the nurse by one's capabilities and opportunities, is an ideal for which the profession strives, and that efforts ought to be made in Massachusetts to compel the registration of nurses by law.

Miss Lily L. Drown, who presided, introduced as the first speaker Dr. Cowles, formerly superintendent of the hospital, who told of the conditions which prevailed at the City Hospital before the Training-School was established. Dr.

Cowles described the events which led up to the founding of the Training-School, and paid a tribute to Miss Linda Richards, the first superintendent of nurses at the hospital, crediting to her spirit and labors the success of the school.

Miss Richards herself followed with a paper, which was prefaced with the statement that Dr. Cowles and she had worked together to establish and maintain the school. She then spoke of the reorganization of the methods of nursing, the training of nurses, and the administration of her department. She said that before training-schools were started it was impossible to get an adequately trained nurse in Boston.

Miss Richards emphasized the need of State registration of nurses to prevent such catastrophes as the Jane Toppan murders, the benefit derived from such a pleasant home as Vose House, and closed with the appeal that her hearers be alert and conscientious.

Dr. Cheever, of the Board of Visitors, spoke of the years preceding and following the founding of the school. He said that he hoped a memorial tablet would be put up this year to those nurses and physicians who had died at the hospital while serving their fellows.

The Hon. Henry H. Sprague, of the Board of Trustees, who followed Dr. Cheever, said that during his long period of service the welfare of the nurses had been a matter of concern to him, and that he was highly gratified at the progress of the Training-School, and at the possession by the nurses of Vose House.

Dr. George H. M. Rowe, superintendent of the hospital, was given a specially hearty greeting when he was introduced to the audience. He detailed the growth of training-schools for nurses throughout the United States and the enlargement of the school at the City Hospital, the latter having now about one hundred and fifty members and a most excellent equipment and curriculum of study. Mrs. Dreyfus then presented to the club, on behalf of her father, Mr. A. Shuman, of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, a mahogany hall clock. A vote of thanks to the donor was passed. The company then partook of supper, which was served in the dining-room.

TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL NOTES.—Miss Hettie Megill, Class of 1894, Toronto General Hospital, is now superintendent of the hospital at Mapimi, Mexico.

Rahno Aitkin, Class of 1900, has been appointed superintendent of the Western Hospital, Montreal, P. Q. Her duties commenced January 8, 1903.

Annie Hartley is now head nurse in the private wards of the General Hospital.

Annie Carbeth Higbee, Class of 1888, has opened a private hospital in Toronto.

Teresa Miller, Class of 1884, missionary to China, died of typhoid fever in the summer of 1902.

Emma Hall, Class of 1895, who has been engaged in private nursing in her native city, London, Ont., ever since her graduation, presented the library of her Alma Mater eighteen volumes of the latest fiction as a Christmas gift.

Leila Batty, Class of 1891, left Toronto January 6, 1903, en route for Shanghai, China, to resume her duties as superintendent of the China Inland Mission Hospital there. She has been in Canada one year on a furlough.

The Home for Incurables, Toronto, organized a School for Nurses in connection with this institution January 10, 1903. Miss Catherine Allison, Class of 1900, has been placed in charge.

Jessie Duncan, Class of 1884, resigned her position as superintendent of the Cornwall Hospital in December, 1902.

Mary Allen, Class of 1896, missionary, China Inland Mission, has set sail for England in charge of two missionaries who are ill. She will ultimately return to Canada, where she will remain until the expiration of her leave of absence.

Maud Crawford, Class of 1899, has been engaged for some months past in practising as a visiting nurse in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She finds the work both agreeable and profitable, and at times has much more than she can overtake.

The graduating exercises of the Nurses' Training-School of the Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., were held Wednesday evening, December 17, in Clinic Hall. The hall was prettily decorated with the hospital colors, "blue and white," tall palms, and many choice flowers sent by friends to the graduates. Exercises opened with prayer by Rev. Frederic Farr, D.D., who later in the evening gave an able address. The class history, read by Miss Moyer, as well as the class prophecy, by Miss Swank, were interesting and amusing. Dr. Seabrook's address contained sound motherly advice. She then presented the diplomas. Mrs. Vache sang two beautiful hymns, the class joining in one, "Master, Use Me." The alumnae was represented by Miss Greaney, Class of 1883, whose paper was a bit of alumnae history. It also urgently advised all graduates to join their alumnae, to unite in working for their training-schools, to promote nursing education and ethical standards, and to work for State registration. It recommended nurses to contribute to their nursing magazine, that they may keep posted in all that pertains to nurses. After the exercises the nurses held a reception in the hospital and refreshments were served.

THE head of a young woman's school in Paris, having been four years in a New York school, and seeing the care given our students in college and private schools by resident graduate nurses, realized the benefit received and has made application to the Presbyterian Hospital for a nurse to fill such a position in her French school. The nurse goes to take up this line of work in Paris next October.

One of our best New York schools has asked that the position of matron, or housekeeper, be filled by a graduate nurse. This demands executive ability, the happy faculty of managing people without friction, and the science of household economics.

The public has found that a graduate nurse when possessed of these essentials is a most valuable officer because of the discipline of her training.

APPOINTMENTS on the Hospital Nursing Staff of the Johns Hopkins Hospital for the years 1902-1903: Assistants—~~Miss G. C. Ross~~, Mrs. E. M. Simpson, Miss E. Lawler; Supervising Nurses—Miss Carolyn Van Blarcom, Miss Ellen La Motte; Night Superintendent—Miss N. Clarke; Instructors in Dietetics—Miss E. M. Smedley, Miss M. Peacock; Ward B—Miss Francina Freese; Ward C—Miss Robina Stewart; Ward D—Miss Bessie Baker; Ward E—Miss Eliza Dick; Ward F—Miss Florence Manson; Ward G—Miss Mabel Bent; Ward H—Miss Lida Gosman; Maternity Ward—To be appointed; Gynecological Operating-Room—Miss Louise Jack; General Operating-Room—Miss Alice Witman; Dispensary—Miss Helen Crawford.

MISS DELLA UPFIELD, assistant superintendent of the Hale Hospital, Haverhill, Mass., has resigned her position in that institution to accept the position of superintendent of the Providence (R. I.) Lying-in Hospital. Miss Upfield is a

graduate of the Boston City Hospital and of the Boston Lying-in Hospital, Boston, Mass. She will enter upon her new duties January 1, and will be very much missed in the Hale Hospital, where she has served faithfully and well for over two years.

MISS McMILLAN has been appointed superintendent of nurses of the new Training-School which is being established in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago. Miss McMillan is a graduate of the Illinois Training-School, which has heretofore contracted to do the nursing in the Presbyterian Hospital. The new school will have a preparatory course, the three-years' training, and will be entirely under the control of Miss McMillan, who is responsible to the Board of Trustees.

MISS ETHA BUTCHER, of Chandlersville, Ia., Class of 1901, Johns Hopkins Hospital, went in September to a hospital in Jhansi, Northwest Province of India, sent out by the board of the Union Missionary Society. Her work there will be the establishment of a training-school, and she has entered upon this work, according to the demands of the society, for a period of seven years. The first two years of this time will be spent in acquiring the language of the country.

MISS MARY CLARK, who was for a number of years Dr. Da Costa's private secretary, is assistant to Miss Delano in Bellevue. Miss Bannister, who has won the title of M.D., is in charge of the Mills Training-School, being Miss Delano's chief assistant. The Training-School of the Bellevue nurses has been beautifully remodelled and enlarged, and many changes and improvements are under way coincident with a reorganization of the hospital itself.

MISS MARGARET P. PRIDHAM, who has filled the position of head nurse at the amphitheatre at the Massachusetts General Hospital since September, 1901, has resigned to accept the superintendency of the Training-School in connection with the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital in Philadelphia. Miss Jessie Bayldone has been appointed to succeed Miss Pridham.

MISS AGNES B. JOHNSTON, of Richmond, Va., a graduate of the Class of 1900, Virginia Hospital, Richmond, Va., has accepted the position of superintendent of Marsh-Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, N. C. This is a general hospital with thirty beds, and a Training-School for nurses has recently been added, with a three-years' course of training.

MISS ALMA S. ANDERSON, who was for a number of years superintendent of the Monad Hospital, Seattle, Wash., is now studying medicine in Chicago. Miss Anderson gave up hospital work because of ill-health, and spent some time in the Hawaiian Islands before entering upon her medical studies.

MISS IDA M. TRACY, who recently completed a post-graduate course at the General Memorial Hospital, New York City, returned to the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., as assistant superintendent of nurses. Miss Tracy was formerly night supervisor of this school for two years.

MISS FRANCES A. CHANDLER, Class of 1902, resigned her position of night superintendent at the Sloane Maternity Hospital in New York December 24, and has returned to the Massachusetts General Hospital as second assistant superintendent of the Training-School.

MISS KATHERINE FITCH, graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been appointed assistant superintendent of nurses at St. Mary's Hospital, Salt Lake City. This is a general hospital of one hundred and twenty beds, with an active and growing service.

MISS INEZ BATES, a graduate of the University of Michigan Training-School, Class of 1902, holds a government position in the Indian School at Albuquerque, N. M. Miss Bates has recently nursed about three hundred pupils through an epidemic of diphtheria.

MISS HUTCHINSON, a graduate of the New York Hospital Training-School, has been appointed principal of the Training-School at the Sloane Maternity Hospital, and Miss Grant, of the Presbyterian Training-School, has been appointed her assistant.

MISS ELLEN GILMOUR has been appointed assistant superintendent of nurses of the Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal, of which school she is a graduate. Miss Gilmour has been in charge of wards at the Johns Hopkins Hospital for the past two years.

MISS MABEL BURLEIGH, graduate from the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1901, has accepted the position of head nurse of the private corridors at the Sloane Maternity Hospital in New York, and entered on her duties January 8.

MISS SOPHIA L. EVANS, who graduated from the University of Michigan Hospital Training-School for Nurses in 1900, has recently been appointed superintendent of nurses at the Parker Memorial Hospital, University of Missouri.

MISS BERTHA G. RUSSEL, Bridgeport Hospital graduate, is seriously ill at the Meadville City Hospital, where she is assistant superintendent.

MISS MCISAAC has returned from her trip abroad to her post in the Illinois Training-School.



DR. LORENZ was asked if a woman could learn to do his operations.

The Herr Professor shook his head without a suspicion of regret in his expression.

"She could not," he said positively and decidedly. "The first requisite to perform what is called these bloodless operations is strength—a man's strength. One does not want to see that in a woman.

"A woman may be a diagnostician, a general practitioner, but never should she be a surgeon. To be a surgeon requires all the qualities she should not have."

"What should she be?" I asked.

"A nurse!" cried the doctor.

"Let me right here congratulate the American nation. Never till I came to this country have I known what a woman could be in the way of a nurse.

"In Austria they are women of any class, of any sort. They are women of little education. Here in America they are ladies—ladies! Never have I been so amazed. They are in aprons and caps, but they are educated, they are refined, they are charming. Never have I seen such a thing—never!

"You are so far ahead of us in this that I am lost in wonderment. You see how I appreciate what women may do, but say to them not to attempt to compete with my profession."